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1. UN SECRETARIAT PROVIDED US WITH ADVANCE OF PRESS COMMUNIQUE
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QUOTE: THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S CONSULTATIONS WITH THE
TWO INTERLOCUTORS IN THE CYPRUS TALKS, MR. PAPADOPOULOS
AND MR. ONAN, WERE CONCLUDED IN A JOINT MEETING ON THE
MORNING OF 21 SEPTEMBER. AN EXTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
TOOK PLACE DURING THESE CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING THE RE-
SUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNDER THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL'S AUSPICES. THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CYPRUS, MR. PEREZ DE CUELLAR, WILL
CONTINUE THE CONSULTATIONS IN NICOSIA. END QUOTE.

2. UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL BRIAN URQUHART CONVEYED TO
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US SEVERAL COMMENTS OF INTEREST SURROUNDING THESE CON-

SULTATIVE TALKS. URQUHART SAID ON BALANCE PAPADOPoulos/ONAN TALKS IN NEW YORK PROVED TO BE GOOD IDEA. THE TALKS HAD GONE AS WELL AS COULD BE EXPECTED. WALDHEIM NOW HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET BOTH NEGOTIATORS: BOTH OF WHOM WERE IMPRESSED THAT THERE ARE INDEED OTHER PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD; AND BOTH HAD ACTED IN VERY FRIENDLY MANNER TOWARD EACH OTHER. ACCORDING TO URQUHART, PAPADOPoulos AT ONE POINT HAD SAID IN AN ASIDE TO ONAN THAT IT WAS TOO BAD THEY COULDNT MEET INFORMALLY WHEN THEY RETURN TO NICOSIA. URQUHART DESCRIBED ONAN AS SMOOTH AND SENSIBLE DURING THE MEETINGS WITH WALDHEIM, AND PAPADOPoulos AS REASONABLE AND MORE RESTRAINED THAN USUAL.

3. URQUHART NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES INITIALLY ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE SYG'S PROPOSAL THAT THERE BE SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS HERE OF THE PLENARY TALKS AND THE SUBCOMMITTEES BUT THEN MADE RESERVATIONS. ONAN AT FIRST JOINT MEETING ACCEPTED TENTATIVELY SYG'S SUGGESTION THAT AT PLENARY TALKS UNDER SYG'S AUSPICES THERE BE AN EXCHANGE OF PROPOSALS LOOKING TOWARD ESTABLISHING COMMONGROUND. TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES WOULD BE DISCUSSED ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS IN SUBCOMMITTEES. GREEK SIDE, FOR ITS PART, WAS AMENABLE TO POSTPONING OR SUSPENDING CYPRUS GA AGENDA ITEM AS LONG AS PROPOSED TALKS TOOK PLACE HERE IN EARLY OCTOBER. URQUHART COMMENTED THAT SYG'S PROPOSAL FOUNDERED OVER NATURE OF "EXCHANGE OF PROPOSALS;" PAPADOUPOULOS SAID "CRITERIA" WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH WHILE ONAN TOOK POSITION THAT MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS COULD ONLY TAKE PLACE IN SUBCOMMITTEES WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS WHERE BOTH SIDES WITH EXPERTS AND IN PRIVACY COULD DISCUSS KEY QUESTIONS AT LENGTH.

4. OUTCOME OF FOUR DAYS OF CONSULTATIVE TALKS ACCORDING TO USYG URQUHART PRODUCED LIMITED RESULT OF BOTH SIDES AGREEING TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS UNDER PEREZ DE CUELLAR IN NICOSIA. URQUHART ADDED THAT HE PERSONALLY DOUBTED THAT THERE COULD BE ANY REAL PROGRESS ON THE CYPRUS TALKS UNTIL AFTER GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE WHICH WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN LATE NOVEMBER.

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